House Resolution No. 3750

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Bray, cherished residents of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary on June 19, 2004, with a festive celebration and open house held at the home of their son and daughter-in-law; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on June 22, 1944, Alton Bray and Martha Lou Dorris began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony officiated by the Reverend Hill at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. G.T. Dorris, in Illmo; and

Whereas, attendants for the happy couple were Elizabeth Britton, sister of the bride, and Paul Bray, brother of the groom; and

Whereas, Alton and Martha Bray attribute their sixty years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their three children, Dr. Jeffrey and Debra Bray of Chesterfield, Ellen Busch of Florissant, and Mary Newberry of Katy, Texas; their six grandchildren, Mark, Barbara, Brian, Kyle, Haley, and Jordan; and their great-grandchild, Devin; and

Whereas, throughout their blissful union, Alton and Martha Bray have remained devoted life partners and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for Alton and Martha Bray upon the glorious celebration of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them tremendous peace and contentment as they proudly continue their journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Alton Bray.

> Offered by Representative Jason G. Crowell Majority Floor Leader District No. 158

> I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3750, adopted July 29, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker